

# LIST OF ATTORNEY IN THE FRANKFURT CONSULAR DISTRICT (Updated JULY 2008)

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## RETAINING A FOREIGN ATTORNEY

In retaining the services of a foreign attorney concerning a private dispute abroad, the following guidelines may assist you in protecting your interests.

#### 1. Selecting an Attorney

When you receive a list of attorneys, it is recommended that you contact several attorneys, briefly describing the nature of the services you desire. Before you decide which attorney to engage, request a written schedule of fees generally charged for the services you need, inquire whether the attorney is fluent in the English language, and become acquainted with a particular attorney. Do not submit any documents or funds until you are certain that the attorney understands your problem and is willing to handle your case.

#### 2. Barristers and Solicitors

In some foreign cities, districts, or provinces it may be necessary for you to retain the services of both a solicitor and a barrister. In such jurisdiction, barristers are allowed to appear in court, including superior courts and courts of appeal. Solicitors are allowed to advise clients, represent them in the lower courts and prepare cases for barristers to try in the higher courts.

#### 3. Notaries Public, "Notaries" and "Huissiers"

In some foreign countries, notaries public, "notaries" and "huissiers" can perform many of the functions performed by attorneys in the United States. For example, foreign notaries frequently draft instruments, wills, and conveyances. In some countries, a notary public is an official, appointed by the Ministry of Justice, whose functions include not only the preparation of documents, but the administration and settlement of estates. Such notaries may serve as repositories for wills and are empowered to serve legal documents. (In some countries, "huissiers" serve documents.) They are not lawyers, but are very specialized members of the legal profession. They may not plead cases in court.

#### 4. Coordination with Counsel in the U.S.

American attorneys may not be in a position to represent your interests abroad, particularly because they will not be permitted to participate in foreign court proceedings under the laws of the foreign country. American attorneys experienced in international law may be helpful in explaining the complex international issues involved in your case and some may have associates or partners abroad to whom they can refer you.

#### 5. Legal Aid Association

There may be facilities in a foreign country for low cost or free legal services. Ask the local bar association or the Ministry of Justice about the availability of legal aid. You may also wish to consult the "Directory of Legal Aid and Advice Facilities Available Throughout the World", published by the International Legal Aid Association. The address of the association is: c/o The International Bar Association, 271 Regent Street, London W1R 7PA, England, Tel: +44-171-6291206, Fax: +44-171-409-0456. See also, "The Availability of Legal Services to Poor People and People of Limited Means in Foreign Systems", International Lawyer, Vol. 6, No. 1, p. 128, 1971.

#### 6. How to Deal with Your Foreign Attorney

Always research the attorney's qualifications and experience. Find out how the attorney plans to represent you. Ask specific questions and expect the attorney to explain legal activities in a language that you can understand. Ask what fees the attorney, notary, or huissier charges and how the attorney expects to be paid. Notaries and huissiers are usually government officials who must charge fees established by their government. Some attorneys may expect to be paid in advance; some may demand payment after each action they take on your behalf, refusing to take further action until they are paid. Some may take the case on a percentage basis, collecting a pre-arranged percentage of the moneys awarded to you by the foreign court. In 1976, the Law Library of the Library of Congress prepared a report entitled "Payment of Attorneys Fees in European Countries". You can obtain a copy of this report by contacting the Library of Congress directly at:

Room 240, James Madison Bldg., 101 Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540, Tel: (202) 707-5000.

Ask that your attorney keep you informed of the progress of your case according to a preestablished schedule. Remember that most court calendars are crowded. You may, therefore, wish to ask the attorney to send you monthly reports, even though no real developments have ensued, simply to satisfy your doubts about the progress of the case. Have your attorney analyze your case, giving you the positive and negative aspects and probable outcome. Do not expect your attorney to give a simple answer to a complex legal problem. Be sure that you understand the technical language in any contract or other legal document prepared by your attorney before you sign it. Keep your attorney fully informed of any new developments in the case. If you need to provide complex or technical documents to your attorney, you may wish to consider having the documents translated into the native language. An elementary knowledge of English may not be enough to enable the attorney to understand the documents you provide. Tell the attorney every relevant fact in order to get the best representation of your interests. Find out how much time the attorney anticipates the case may take to complete. Request copies of all letters and documents prepared on your behalf.

#### 7. Assistance of the Department of State

If you have additional questions, you may contact:

Office of Citizens Consular Services
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520
Tel: (202) 647-3444

#### 8. Complaints against Foreign Attorneys

If the services of your attorney prove unsatisfactory, in addition to notifying the Department of State and the U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad, you may address your complaints to the local (foreign) bar association.

## **BAD KREUZNACH**

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<u>+ Neussel, Walther H.</u> Specializes in business, commercial and corporate law, distribution matters, acquisition and formation of German operations, zoning, intellectual property, EU law and international matters, civil and administrative law litigation.

## **KAISERSLAUTERN**

ALBRECHT, DETLEV, Spittelstrasse 5, 67655 Kaiserslautern, Tel: (0631) 68018/9, Fax: (0631) 69250. Born 1955. Admitted to all lower courts and to the District Court in Kaiserslautern. Specialized in civil law, economic law, divorce action, tenant rights and insurance cases. Languages: German, English, French.

\*BLASS, HANSGEORG, Richard Wagneeerr Str. 36, 67655 Kaiserslautern, Tel: (0631) 13031, Fax: (0631) 29849, E-mail: <a href="mailto:hansgeorgblass@gmx.de">hansgeorgblass@gmx.de</a>. Born 1948. Admitted to District Court in Kaiserslautern, to all lower and labor courts and in criminal cases to all courts in Germany. General practice, including civil law, administrative law (resident/work permits and other foreigners' problems), criminal law, economic law, labor law and traffic law. Languages: German, English.

\*FRISCH, WOLFGANG, Rummelstrasse 12, 67655 Kaiserslautern, Tel: (0631) 66006, Fax: (0631) 66755. Born 1954. Admitted to District Court in Kaiserslautern, all courts in Germany. General practice, esp. leasing law, commercial and criminal law, traffic law, labor and real estate law, civil and international law, insurance matters (esp. accidents) and processing claims for personal injuries, marriage and divorce law, immigration and naturalization matters, legal advice and negotiations on business organizations, and all official agencies, investment and banking, purchases and sale of real and personal property. Languages: German, English.

\*LANGGUTH, DR. RAINER (1930); LANGGUTH, GERHARD (1956); LITTIG, PETER (1953); JUNG, DR. HANS (1930); RHEINHARDT, DIETER (1954); PERWEIN, SIGMUND (1964), Schneiderstrasse 7-9, 67655 Kaiserslautern, Tel: (0631) 80095-0, Fax: (0631) 80095-29, E-mail: rae.dr.langguth.pp@t-online.de. Admitted to all German lower and higher district courts in civil law cases and to all German Courts including Federal Courts in other matters. Specialized in civil law, economic law, divorce, traffic accidents, labor and employment, criminal defenses, administrative law, building and construction matters (including architecture and engineering). Languages: German, English, French.

**LIEBERICH + KOLLEGEN**, Stiftsplatz 6-7, 67655 Kaiserslautern, Tel:(0631) 362350, Fax: (0631) 3623520, E-mail: info@rae-lieberich.de . Admitted to District Court in Kaiserslautern and lower courts Germany. Specialized in civil law, family law, labor law, rental law and traffic law; handles divorces, proceedings in bankruptcy, accident and insurance matters. Languages: German, English, French.

#### KOBLENZ

\*LEIS, DR. E., Friedrich-Ebert-Ring 12, 56068 Koblenz, Tel: (0261) 32467, Fax: (0261) 383-87, E-mail: <a href="https://heis-roland@t-online.de">heis-roland@t-online.de</a>. Born 1936. Admitted to all courts in Germany. Specialized in commercial law, divorce suits and criminal law. Languages: German, English, French, able to understand written Italian, Dutch and Spanish.

\*PRENGEL + KOLLEGEN. (Prengel, G. (1907), Prengel, Dr. jur. Gerhard (1943), Krautkrämer, Beatrix (1958), Roonstrasse 6, 56068 Koblenz, tel: (0261) 36030, fax: (0261) 33336E-mail: kanzlei@ra-prengel.de, www.ra-prengel.de. Admitted to District Court in Koblenz and all criminal courts, lower courts and labor courts in Germany. Specialized in criminal law, civil law, divorce suits, family law, insurance cases, traffic accident law, tort law. Languages: German, English, French.

## **LUDWIGSHAFEN**

**BAUER, THEODOR DR. JUR., DR. RER. POL, ATTORNEY**, Ludwigstrasse 73, 67059 Ludwigshafen, Tel: (0621) 512316, Fax: (0621) 515977. E-mail: K.Th.Bauer@t-online.de. Born 1921. Attorney admitted to Lower Courts and Districts in Germany.

\*FUNCK, DR. GEHARD LL.M.\_ Heinigstrasse 26, 67059 Ludwigshafen, Tel: (0621) 591150, Fax: (0621) 5911566. Born 1933. Admitted to District Court in Frankenthal and all other district courts; Chamber for Commercial Matters and all lower courts. General practice, including commercial matters (corporations, contracts, antitrust, trademarks, and unfair competition), international law, divorce matters, traffic accident law and criminal defense work. Certified Court Interpreter. Correspondent attorney for U.S. attorneys. Languages: German, English, reading French, Italian, Spanish.

## **MAINZ**

\*KRAPP, DR. FRANZ JOSEF, Grosse Langgasse 14, 55116 Mainz, Tel: (06131) 231636 or -37, Fax: (06131) 236360. Born 1931. Has two doctoral degrees (law and economics). Admitted to Lower and District Court in Mainz in civil matters and to all courts in the Federal Republic of Germany in criminal cases. Specialized in criminal, civil, administrative and tax law. Languages: German, English, French.

\*SCHOLL, FRANZ JOSEF (1941); HENKEL, CLAUS RUDOLF (1957); AND PARTNERS, Neubrunnenplatz 3, 55116 Mainz, Tel: (06131) 232681, Fax: (06131) 231691, E-mail: SchollHenkel@aol.com. Criminal law, civil law, family law, domestic and probate law, business and labor law. Admitted to all Lower Courts and District Courts in Germany for civil cases and criminal cases. Languages: English, French, German.

\*STOFFERS, FABIAN, Ballplatz 2a, 55116 Mainz, Tel: (06131) 1438325, Fax: (06131) 1438329, E-mail: fs@ra-stoffers.de. Born 1970. Education: University of Mainz (first state examination 08/1999), district court Mainz (second state examination 11/2001). Admitted to Lower and District Court in Mainz, allowed to represent clients before all German courts in labor & employment cases. Licensed in Germany as a specialist attorney (Fachanwalt) for labor & employment matters. May represent client nationwide and during all stages of appeal (labor & employment matters). Focuses also on social insurance law, landlord and tenant law and contracts. Languages: English, German

## **PIRMASENS**

\*LEINENWEBER AND PARTNER, Schloßstr. 22, 66953 Pirmasens, Tel: (06331) 8702-0, Fax: (06331) 8702-22, E-mail: rae\_leinenweber@t-online.de. See also listing under Zweibrücken.

Leinenweber, Klaus, born 1956. Admitted to Regional Appeals court in Zweibrücken and all district courts in Germany. Specialized in economic law, civil law, divorce suits, traffic accident law, criminal defenses, general assistance and representation in establishing commercial and industrial projects. Languages: German, English, French.

<u>Shenk, Petra C.</u>, born 1959. Admitted to District Court in Zweibrücken and all lower courts in Germany. Specialized and experienced in traffic accident matters, criminal defenses, commercial law and divorce law. Languages: German, English, French. <u>Salzmann, Alexandra</u>, born 1966. Admitted to regional court in Zweibrücken and all lower courts in Germany. Specialized and experienced in traffic accident matters, criminal defenses, commercial law, family law and divorce law. Languages: German, English, French.

<u>Klein, Roland</u>, born 1968. Admitted to regional court in Zweibrücken and all lower courts in Germany. Specialized and experienced in civil law, building law, traffic accident matters, criminal defenses, commercial law and family law. Languages: German, English French.

**Zinzow, Christian**, born 1956. Admitted to regional court in Zweibrücken and all lower courts in Germany. Specialized and experienced in civil law, labor law, traffic accident matters, administrative law, criminal defenses and commercial law. Languages: German, English, French.

## RÜDESHEIM

RADTKE-FISCHER, ULRIKE, Vor der Lohr 21, 55593 Rüdesheim, Tel: (0671) 4821035, Fax: (0671) 4822833, Mobile (0171) 3846234, E-mail: URF.WF.BF@t-online.de. Born 1960. Education: Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany. General and international practice. Specializes in civil law, real estate law, labor law, traffic and insurance law (accidents), corporate law, administrative law (resident/work permits, naturalization/immigration matters), and international law, polish law. Admitted to all district, lower and labor courts in Germany. Languages: German, English, Polish.

### STADECKEN-ELSHEIM

\*ALSFASSER, RALF & PRAUSE, RALF, Schulstr. 51, 55271 Stadecken-Elsheim, Tel: (06130) 9299-0, Fax: (06130) 929933.

\*Alsfasser, Ralf, Born 1962. Admitted to State Court of Appeals in Mainz and all courts in Germany for criminal cases. General practice. Accepts civil and criminal cases. Languages: German, English.

<u>Prause, Ralf</u>, Born 1962. Admitted to State Court of Appeals in Mainz and all courts in Germany for criminal cases. General practice. Accepts civil cases only. Languages: German, English.

## **TRIER**

\* DIESEL, HARTMUT (1948); SCHMITT, REINHOLD (1956) AMMER, ANDREAS, DR.(1961),

Metzelstr. 30 (or Postfach 2408), 54290 Trier, Tel: (0651) 949020, Fax: (0651) 9490222. Admitted to all courts in criminal cases (defense of U.S. military and civilian personnel). Specialized in criminal law, traffic accident law, and divorce suits. Languages: German, English.

## ZWEIBRÜCKEN

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Besenbruch, Thomas, born 1964. Admitted to lower court and district court in Zweibrücken. Authorized to represent before all lower courts and all administrative courts in Germany. Specialized and experienced in civil law, private construction law and administrative law, European community law. Languages: German, English.

**Born, Dr. Heinrich**, born 1918. Admitted to lower court and district court in Zweibrücken. Authorized to represent before all lower courts in Germany. Specialized and experienced in traffic accident matters and international consulting. Languages: German, English, French, Spanish.

**<u>Kerfin, Marlis</u>**, born 1951. Admitted to all lower courts in Germany and to lower court and court of appeals in Saarbrücken. Specialized and experienced in family law, traffic accident matters, insurance contract affairs and international consulting. Languages: German, English.

**Klein, Richard**, born 1949. Admitted to lower court and district court in Zweibrücken. Authorized to represent before all lower courts in Germany. Specialized and experienced in labor law, divorce/support/alimony cases and international consulting. Languages: German, English, French.

**Schneider, Jörg**, born 1949. Admitted to lower court and district court in Zweibrücken. Authorized to represent before all lower courts in Germany. Specialized and experienced in traffic accident matters, insurance contract affairs and international consulting.

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Leinenweber, Klaus, born 1956. Admitted to Regional Appeals court in Zweibrücken and all district courts in Germany. Specialized in economic law, civil law, divorce suits, traffic accident law, criminal defenses, general assistance and representation in establishing commercial and industrial projects. Languages: German, English, French. Shenk, Petra C., born 1959. Admitted to District Court in Zweibrücken and all lower courts in Germany. Specialized and experienced in traffic accident matters, criminal defenses, commercial law and divorce law. Languages: German, English, French. Salzmann, Alexandra, born 1966. Admitted to regional court in Zweibrücken and all lower courts in Germany. Specialized and experienced in traffic accident matters, criminal defenses, commercial law, family law and divorce law. Languages: German, English, French.

<u>Klein, Roland</u>, born 1968. Admitted to regional court in Zweibrücken and all lower courts in Germany. Specialized and experienced in civil law, building law, traffic accident matters, criminal defenses, commercial law and family law. Languages: German, English French.

**Zinzow, Christian**, born 1956. Admitted to regional court in Zweibrücken and all lower courts in Germany. Specialized and experienced in civil law, labor law, traffic accident matters, administrative law, criminal defenses and commercial law. Languages: German, English, French.